

FIRE SAFETY IN THE BUSH

- ➔ Campfires can be dangerous, and the wood used can destroy habitat for many insects and animals. Take a fuel stove or food that can be eaten cold. Some areas prohibit the use of fires year-round.
- ➔ If you do light a fire, use existing fire sites and surround the fire with rocks. Don't light fires on peat soil, as they may burn after you leave.
- ➔ Always place your fire or stove in a cleared area where the wind will blow flames away from tents. Make sure there are no leaves or dry wood close to the fire.
- ➔ Make sure you have enough water to put out a fire properly. If you don't have enough water, dig a small hole before you build your fire, and reserve the dirt to bury the fire when you are finished. Not only will you have a hotter, more efficient fire, but the ground will return to the level it was when you arrived.
- ➔ Don't cook or make fires in tents.
- ➔ Extinguish fires, candles and lanterns before bed.
- ➔ Never leave a fire unattended.



*Fires should
always be
attended by a
responsible adult*

